FACTS ABOUT MARINA OSWALD

Mrs. Marina Nikolaevna Oswald was born on the 17th day of July, 1941, in Severodvinsk (formerly called Molotonsk), Arkhangel Oblast, USSR. Marina never new who her father was. Her mother is KLAVDIA VASILEVNA MEDVEDEV. Her stepfather is ALEXANDER IVANOVICH MEDVEDEV. She moved from Severodvinsk while she was an infant and went to live in Arkhangelsk, Arkhangel Oblast, where she lived with her maternal grandmother, TITIANA YAKOVLEUNA PRUSAKOVA, now deceased, and her grandfather, VASILI PRUSAKOV (sometimes spelled PROOSAKOV). Her grandfather died when she was about 4 or 4½ years old and she continued to live with her grandmother until she was about 7 years old. When she was 7, she went back to live with her stepfather and mother at Zguritza, Moldavian, USSR (formerly called Besarabia). A half-brother, PIOTR ALEXANDROVICH MEDVEDEV, was born at Arkhangelsk in 1945 or 1946, and a half-sister, TITIANA ALEXANDROVNA MEDVEDEVA, was born in 1949.

At Zguritza she went to school for 4 years. Then the entire family moved to Leningrad in 1952 where she entered the 5th grade. It was here that her stepfather was born and he had now returned home. Her stepfather was by training and profession an electrical worker.

She attended the fifth, sixth, and seventh grades of a ten-year school called the 374th Woman's School

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at Leningrad. At the conclusion of her seventh grade she wanted to go to a specialized school because her mother was quite ill and she felt that she might need a specialty in order that she might be independent. She intered the Pharmacy Technicum at Leningrad in 1955 and graduated with a diploma as a pharmacist in June, 1959. During her last year of pharmacy school she also worked in a drugstore. This drugstore was a central drugstore located on Nevsky Prospect (a main street in Leningrad). Her mother died while she was in her second year of pharmacy school. She continued to reside with her stepfather although she felt like a stranger in his home.

Upon graduation from Pharmaceutical school in June, 1959, she was assigned work in a pharmaceutical warehouse in Leningrad. This work consisted of packing and preparing pharmaceutical orders. She did not like the work and quit after one day. After quitting this job, she took a two months' vacation, and just enjoyed herself. She was residing in her stepfather's house in Leningrad.
Toward the end of August, 1959, she bought a railroad ticket to Minsk, Belorussia, USSR, as she had decided to go to live with her aunt and uncle who reside in Minsk. This uncle is ILIA VASILIEVICH PRUSAKOV, who is 52 years of age, an engineer, specializing in lumber. The aunt is VALENTINA GURIEVNA PRUSAKOVA, who is 37 years of age. This aunt and uncle had lived in Arkhangelsk when she lived

there. Her uncle was assigned to the Ministry of Internal Affairs of Belorussia, in Minsk, and presently is in charge of the department which deals with lumber. Although he works as an engineer, he has the rank of a Colonel or Lieutenant Colonel.

In October, 1959, Marina went to work in the drug section of the Third Clinical Hospital in Minsk, which is located on Lenin Street, in the central section of Minsk. She worked there for one year, until October, 1960, at which time she had earned a month's vacation.

Marina met OSWALD in the middle of March, 1961, at a social function at the Palace of Culture for Professional Unions.

Marina advised that her aunt and uncle did like OSWALD and, in fact, were glad that she had reduced her number of boy friends to one. On April 20, 1961, Marina agreed to marry LEE HARVEY OSWALD and together they went to the registrar to file their intent to marry. But a ten-day waiting period is required. They were certified as married by the registrar on April 30, 1961.

After her marriage, Marina moved into OSWALD'S apartment which was located at Communist Street #4, Apartment 24, in Minsk.

In late December, 1961, Marina went on maternity

leave, which would normally end two months after the birth of the child. Her first child, JUNE, was born on February 15, 1962. Marina did not return to work after the birth of her child.

Marina stated that OSWALD expressed a desire to return to the United States and that she agreed to do so. In May of 1961, Marina advised that she applied to the Russian officials at Minsk and Moscow for official papers which would allow her to leave Russia and depart for the United States. They received permission from U.S. officials first, and then they waited in Minsk for the Russian papers to arrive. The Russian permit for Marina to depart for the U. S. arrived about New Year's of 1962. OSWALD had received permission from the Russian officials earlier and had been advised by the American Embassy that he could depart for the U. S. The American authorities had suggested to OSWALD that he could depart without Marina, but he refused to do so, as he desired to take Marina with him when he departed. Shortly thereafter Marina, the baby, and Lee departed from Minsk and arrived in Moscow about May 20, 1962. Marina advised that they spent about ten days in Moscow, while OSWALD tended to the formalities which were necessary to facilitate their departure to the U. S. While in Moscow, they exchanged sufficient rubles to obtain one hundred and eighty U. S. dollars. Oswald used this money to buy railway tickets from Moscow to Amsterdam.

They departed from Moscow by train about May 30, 1962 and traveled through Poland, Germany, and Holland. In Holland, they boarded the ship for the U. S. They arrived in New York on June 13, 1962.

Upon arrival in the United States, at New York City, they immediately went to Fort Worth, Texas, and resided with Robert Oswald; the brother of LEE HARVEY OSWALD. After staying one month with Robert Oswald, they rented an apartment in Fort Worth, Texas. About October, 1962, they moved to Dallas, Texas, and rented an apartment on Elsbeth Street and thereafter moved to an apartment on Neely Street. About May, 1963, they moved to New Orleans, Louisianna. Marina Oswald moved to Dallas again about September 24, 1963, and Lee Harvey Oswald moved to Dallas about two weeks later. Marina was staying at the home of a friend, MRS. RUTH PAINE, 2515 West Fifth Street, Irving, Texas. Lee Oswald was renting a room at 1026 North Beckly, Dallas. Marina said that Lee would visit her on the weekends.

On October 20, 1963, Mrs. Ruth Paine took Marina to Parkland Hospital where her second child was born. The second child was named RACHEL. Oswald visited Marina on Monday night, October 21, 1963, and stayed about 1½ hours. Marina was released from the hospital on Tuesday morning, October 22, and Mrs. Ruth Paine brought back to her home.

Following her return from the hospital to the Paine home, OSWALD visited her each weekend, with two exceptions.

Once when Mrs. Paine was having a birthday party for one of her children, and the other when Oswald went looking for another job.

On Thursday, November 21, 1963, Oswald appeared unannounced at the Paine residence, at about 5:45 p.m., and asked to see Marina. He stated that he was lonesome. Oswald played with the children and watched television, then about 8:30 p.m. he went to bed.

On the morning of November 22, 1963, Marina said she awoke at 6:40 a.m. and began to feed the baby. At around 7 o'clock Marina awoke Oswald and told him he had better get up or he would be late for work. As he dressed he told Marina that he would fix his own breakfast. Marina does not believe that he did this, as she found the coffee pot to be cold when she went into the kitchen about 7:20. Marina advised that she does not know of anything that Oswald took with him from the Paine house to work on November 22, 1963.

Marina and Mrs. Paine were looking at the motorcade on television when it was announced that the President had been shot, and that the shots had supposedly come from the Texas School Book Depository Building. A thought immediately entered Marina's mind: "Did my crazy one do it?"